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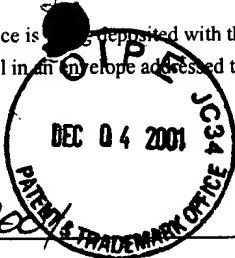
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

P.K. Lam *et al.*

Application No.: 09/365,677

Filed: 08/02/99

For: MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR
ENGRAFTMENT OF A COMPOSITE
BIOCOMPATIBLE SKIN GRAFT ON
THE NEODERMIS OF ARTIFICIAL
SKIN

Art Unit: 1633

Examiner: C. Drabik

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2001. A Petition for Extension of Time for One Month is included herewith thereby extending the due date from September 20, 2001 to October 20, 2001. If any additional fees are due, please charge them to Townsend & Townsend & Crew's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Sub B¹³

1. A method for cultivating graftable skin comprising:

growing a layer of dermal fibroblasts upon an upper side of a biosynthetic substratum of an esterified hyaluronic acid; and, after said dermal fibroblast layer begins to proliferate,